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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH**

FILE NO. **100-3938**

REPORT MADE AT <b>Salt Lake City, Utah</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-16-42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-31-42; 8-1, 31-42.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>BLAYNEY J. BARTON E.F.</b>
TITLE <b>SALVADOR DOMENECH DALI, MRS. SALVADOR DALI, with aliases; Madam Helen Dali; Mrs. Elena Diakonoff; Devolina de Dali; WILLIAM HOLSTRUMK.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Suspects reported as being three German saboteurs, KAPPEL, BARTH and SCHMIDT. Investigation reflects SALVADOR DALI a well-known Spanish painter engaged in portrait painting in New York City; Mrs. SALVADOR DALI, a Russian society woman; WILLIAM HOLSTRUMK, a naturalized American who is chauffeuring the DALIS around the country.

**DETAILS:**

AT WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA:

Chief of Police DELBERT MOORE, Winnemucca, Nevada, telephonically contacted the Salt Lake City Office and advised that Chief of Police CHARLES SMITH, Elko, Nevada, had telephonically contacted him and advised that three individuals riding in a Cadillac Sedan, California License 1L 6460, were very similar to the three German saboteurs, KAPPEL, BARTH and SCHMIDT. These individuals were travelling from Elko toward Winnemucca and were staying for the night at the Humboldt Hotel, Winnemucca.

The writer searched the Cadillac automobile, bearing California License 1L 6460, while the occupants of said car were sleeping in the Humboldt Hotel and found nothing of importance therein. Everything contained in said car had to do with paintings. There were paint brushes, paint oils, finished canvases oil paintings, etc. One canvas oil painting was addressed to Mr. SALVADOR DALI, Marquis de Cuevas, care of CLARENCE J. LANN, B-4 Ranch, Cooke, Montana.

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An examination of the automobile driven by DALI reflected that it bore California License 1L 6460. It was a 1941 Cadillac Sedan, and the identification card in this automobile reflected that its owner was Madam HELEN DALI, St. Regis Hotel, New York City. This automobile was purchased on July 11, 1941, and had Motor No. 8362223.

A check at the Humboldt Hotel reflected that SALVADOR DALI had registered with his wife as Mr. and Mrs. SALVADOR DALI and gave as their residence Hotel St. Regis, New York City. Their chauffeur, W. HOLSTRUMK, registered at the Overland Hotel, Winnemucca, and gave his address as 1503 - 3rd Avenue, New York City.

Interview of WILLIAM HOLSTRUMK reflected the following personal information: His present address was 1503 - 3rd Avenue, Salt Lake City. He was born February 2, 1900. His color is white, sex male, weight 180 pounds, height 6', eyes blue, blond hair, marital status single, Occupation chauffeur, birthplace, Cologne, Germany. He came to the United States June 10, 1923; was naturalized at New York City in either 1936 or 1937 on March 10; and his nationality is German. Subject HOLSTRUMK exhibited his Selective Service questionnaire, which reflected that his address at the time of registrant was Seagrand Apartments, 529 North 2nd Street, Los Angeles, California. Subject stated that he had been to Germany many times since he first came to this country and that he went with Mr. OTTO LAMPORT, now deceased, who was an international banker with offices at 44 Wall Street, New York City. Subject went to Germany as LAMPORT'S chauffeur. Subject last visited Germany in 1936. At this time LAMPORT died, and subject was employed by KURT MEYERS, of 910 North Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills, California. HOLSTRUMK was there until about 1939 when MEYERS died. HOLSTRUMK returned to New York City by car and secured employment with the DALIS through a New York City employment agency.

HOLSTRUMK stated that his party left New York City about June 26, 1942, and went to Chicago, Illinois. They staked at the Lakeshore Drive Hotel for a few days and then followed U. S. Highways 10 and 12 to a ranch at Cooke, Montana, where they arrived about July 4, 1942. This ranch is owned by the ROCKEFELLERS and is under the supervision of Mr. CLARENCE J. LINN. It is called the B-4 Ranch. The party stayed at this ranch for about three weeks and then proceeded toward Del Monte, California, where they were going to reside at the Del Monte Hotel. Subject HOLSTRUMK was asked as to his sympathies for Germany, and he said, "I am an American. I have made my living here, and this is my country and home."

HOLSTRUMK stated he has a sister, MARY HOLSTRUMK, still residing in Cologne, Germany. Two brothers reside in the United States, namely, HUBERT HOLSTRUMK, who works for a restaurant in a farmers' market, which is near the Navy Yard in Brooklyn, New York; and PAUL HOLSTRUMK, who lives at Tenafly (phonetic), New Jersey. This is near West Orange, New Jersey. This brother tends a farm for a Catholic Sisters' religious home.

Inquiry was then made of HOLSTRUMK concerning his employer, Mr. DALI, and he was very surprised that the writer had not heard of the DALIS, advising that DALI was one of the most famous portrait painters in the world and that he had just finished painting several very prominent society women in New York City for a price of \$35,000 a portrait.

Interrogation of DALI reflected as follows: His name is SALVADOR DOMENECH DALI. He registered with the Spanish Consulate in New York City, No. 654. He is a native of Figuras Gerona, Spain, and was born May 11, 1904. His occupation is a painter, and he resides at the St. Regis Hotel, New York City. He exhibited Alien Registration No. 2694040, which reflected his address at the time of registration as Hampton Manor, Bowling Green, Virginia. His Social Security Number was 564-26-9921. From personal observation and interview, the following description was obtained:

Age	38 yrs.
Height	5' 8"
Weight	135 lbs.
Eyes	Hazel
Hair	Black
Mustache	Black
Complexion	Dark
Color	White
Speech	Cannot speak English

DALI registered under the Selective Service Act February 14, 1942, with Local Board No. 104, Burlingame, California, which is near San Francisco, California. He advised his Selective Service file was transferred to Local Board No. 20, 331 Madison Avenue, Room 108, New York City. He exhibited Spanish Passport No. 124411.

Mrs. ELENA DIAKONOFF DEOVLINA DE DALI gave her address as Hotel St. Regis, New York City. She exhibited papers to show that she was registered with the Spanish Consulate, New York City, No. 653 and No. 2101. She was born at Kazon, Russia, August 26, 1894. Her occupation was said to be housewife. She can speak English fairly well and can understand it. She exhibited Spanish Passport No. 00644. Her description, as obtained from personal observation and interview, is as follows:

Age	48 yrs.
Height	5'
Weight	100 to 110 lbs.
Eyes	Dark brown
Hair	Dark brown
Marital status	Married
Dress	Dressed in slacks

Inasmuch as investigation in this case reflected that the DALIS and their chauffeur were in no way connected with the German saboteurs, KAPPEL, BARTH and SCHMIDT, and were apparently on legitimate business or pleasure trip, further investigation was not conducted, and this case is being closed upon the authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

BUTTE, MONTANA

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FILE NO 100-3248

REPORT MADE AT <b>BUTTE, MONTANA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11/6/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>10/30/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>LEONARD F KURTZ</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>RAC</b></span>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK, alias Bill Holstrunk</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - G CUSTODIAL DETENTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

Subject, while employed as Chauffeur for MARQUIS GEORGE DE CUEVAS, near Cooke, Montana, during summer of 1942, reported to have made numerous pronounced pro-German statements. Subject believed to be presently located in New York City.

**Details**

This investigation is predicated upon the following information which was given to Special Employee Agent ROBERT J. PUGMIRE by Police Sergeant WILLIAM O'BRIEN, Police Department, Idaho Falls, Idaho, on August 19, 1942.

Sergeant O'BRIEN stated that Mr. DEWEY PHAGEN, wife, and son, KENNETH, residents of Riverton, Fremont County, Wyoming, while on a motor tour, had stopped at the Idaho Falls Police Department on August 19, 1942, at which time they related the following incident to O'BRIEN.

Mr. PHAGEN advised that he and his family had, on August 18, 1942, stopped at Cooke, Montana, for breakfast at the Cozy Cafe. While at the cafe, the PHAGENS were engaged in conversation by a stranger who stated that he was a chauffeur for a New York millionaire, and pronounced the name, which sounded like "MARKEE". This chauffeur reportedly made some very pronounced pro-German statements, which remarks were similar to the following: "HITLER is a very fine man, he is smart, and one day will rule the world." "Some day the peoples of the world are going to thank HITLER for starting this war, it will free all oppressed peoples, this including the United States and her people." The chauffeur then stated, also, "How nice it

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would be for all of us if we were living under the same rule as the people of Germany are now living under. HITLER is now carrying this war to every country, and HITLER is bringing it to a successful conclusion by his ability to organize and fight wars."

Mr. PHAGEN reportedly advised Mr. O'BRIEN that this fellow told the PHAGENS that his boss, meaning Mr. MARKEE, or a name similar to that, had given the chauffeur a \$10.00 bill for making it possible for him, the boss, to listen in on a radio talk by HITLER. The chauffeur is reported to have said, also, "My boss thinks HITLER is a fine man, also, now that he has heard him talk."

Mr. PHAGEN advised Police Officer O'BRIEN that he became very much upset by this chauffeur, and "told him off," after which the chauffeur became more quiet in his talk, and was more pro-American than before. Mr. PHAGEN stated that in the beginning of the conversation, the chauffeur had told him and his family that he, the chauffeur, was from Germany, and that after Mr. PHAGEN called him down for his talk, the chauffeur then advised that he was a Hollander.

Mr. PHAGEN also stated that soon after he had called the supposed chauffeur down, the manager of the cafe chased this fellow out and then told the PHAGENS that the chauffeur had been around all summer, that he had lived in Cooke, Montana, and that the boss, Mr. MARKEE (phonetic), had been staying at a dude ranch near by, but of this latter person they knew nothing. Mr. PHAGEN further advised that the lady who operates the Cozy Cafe at Cooke, Montana, could and would give more detailed information on this fellow and his employer. He also stated that the Subject and supposed employer were leaving Cooke, Montana, on that same date, reportedly for some California destination.

The following investigation was conducted by the reporting Agent on October 30, 1942, at Cooke, Montana

Mrs. NELS SODERHOLM, Postmaster, advised that the Subject, during the past summer, had been employed as a chauffeur by Marquis GEORGE DE CUEVAS who, during the past two summers, has been leasing the Dude Ranch of CLARENCE LINN, east of Cooke, Montana. Mrs. SODERHOLM stated that the forwarding address of DE CUEVAS had been reported to the post office on September 1, 1942, as 54 East 68th Street, New York, New York, and that the wife of DE CUEVAS was reported to be a relation of the late JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER. She stated that the Subject was reported to have come to Cooke as a chauffer for Mr. and Mrs. SALVADOR DALI who visited the DE CUEVAS family at the LINN ranch for a short time during the past summer, in August. The forwarding address of Mr. and Mrs. DALI had been given as Del Monte Hotel, Del Monte, California.

Mrs. SODERHOLM advised that she possessed no additional information concerning the Subject, and stated that there is no place located in Cooke by the name of Cozy Cafe. She did state that there was a cafe known as the Home Comfort Cafe, which was operated during the past summer by Mrs. BILL VAN, who can be reached through General Delivery, Lewistown, Montana, where Mr. VAN is believed to be working at the local airport, which is under construction

there. Mrs. SODERHOLM also advised that the Home Comfort Cafe has been closed for the winter.

Mrs. CLARENCE LINN, who operates a dude ranch with her husband, east of Cooke, Montana, advised that during the past two summers the ranch has been leased to the Marquis GEORGE DE CUEVAS, whose wife is a granddaughter of the late JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER. She stated that DE CUEVAS is a South American and that the family resides at 54 East 68th Street, New York City. Mrs. LINN related that about July 1, 1942, Mr. and Mrs. SALVADOR DALI came to the ranch to visit the DE CUEVAS family, and had the Subject with them as a chauffeur, also, that the Subject drove Mr. and Mrs. DALI back to Del Monte, California, about the middle of July. Mrs. LINN stated that before leaving the ranch, the Subject had apparently made arrangements with the Marquis to be employed as his chauffeur before driving Mr. and Mrs. DALI back to California. She stated that the Subject returned to the ranch about a week after he had departed with the DALIS and became the chauffeur for the Marquis DE CUEVAS. She stated that the DE CUEVAS family, while on the ranch, had a chef with them by the name of HENRY CERDA, a personal maid by the name of JENNIE, and a Miss HEIGHTMAN who was the children's governess, and another chauffeur by the name of ANDERSON, who returned to New York City early in the summer. She further stated that two local girls who had been working at the ranch as housemaids, by the name of MARIE LOSS and IRENE REICH, had been hired by the DE CUEVAS family to work for them at their home in New York City at 54 East 68th Street.

Mrs. LINN said that on August 22, 1942, the Subject drove the DE CUEVAS car back to New York City, and had been accompanied by the chef, HENRY CERDA, and the above two girls, IRENE and MARIE. The DE CUEVAS family departed from the ranch about August 20 for Colorado Springs, Colorado, where they stayed at the Antler's Hotel, prior to returning to their home in New York City. Mrs. LINN further stated that the Subject apparently was not well liked by Mrs. DE CUEVAS inasmuch as she appeared to be somewhat provoked when her husband hired the Subject as a chauffeur.

Mrs. LINN said that the Subject used to eat with her and her husband at the ranch and that it was very noticeable that the Subject tended to keep quiet whenever the war was being discussed, but occasionally made remarks which would indicate that he was sympathetic toward Germany. Mrs. LINN was unable to recall any specific statements made by the Subject but stated that while the Subject was at the ranch he always managed to pick up the mail in town before Mr. LINN, who generally calls for the ranch mail in Cooke each day. She stated that it seemed strange that the Subject always managed to pick up the mail before Mr. LINN. She said that the Subject was not permitted to live at the ranch with the DE CUEVAS family, but had maintained a room in Cooke at the White House Hotel and commuted back and forth to the ranch each day.

According to Mrs. LINN, the DE CUEVAS family appeared to be good Americans and she said that the Marquis DE CUEVAS was from South America, and apparently managed the inheritance his wife had received from the ROCKEFELLER estate. She also mentioned that Mr. DALI was a Spanish artist who was famous



for his paintings and had apparently been employed by some of the motion pictures in California. She also advised that the Subject was apparently located in New York City with the DE CUEVAS family.

Mrs. JEANETTE HOSKINSON, proprietor of the White House Hotel, advised that the Subject had resided at the hotel for about three weeks during August of 1942, and had registered as WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK with his address given as 1503 - 3rd Avenue, New York City. She stated that the Subject had told her he was in Germany shortly before the Jews had been run out, and had been hired as a chauffeur for some New York banker who apparently was traveling in Europe during the time. The Subject had stated that his employer had given him \$5.00 so that the Subject could attend a meeting where HITLER was giving a speech. According to HOLSTRUNK, HITLER had said that "you know why we haven't anything to eat in Germany, it's because of the Jews," and the Subject had related to Mrs. HOSKINSON that HITLER was right, and that <sup>as</sup> what made HITLER famous over there. The Subject had also remarked to Mrs. HOSKINSON that the United States Government was only a grafted money proposition and was all wrong, and that he did not see why the people did not wake up in this country. She also advised that the Subject had stated that it was the truth that the Jews had everything corralled in Germany.

Mrs. HOSKINSON mentioned that the Subject had indicated that he was in Germany during the last war and that France and England had soldiers in Germany who killed a number of German people because they killed some of the English and French soldiers' horses. According to Mrs. HOSKINSON, the Subject had indicated that he never liked anything the United States has ever had or done, and approved of everything the Germans were doing, and was very much in favor of Germany.

Mrs. HOSKINSON also disclosed that HOLSTRUNK had told her he was a naturalized citizen of the United States, having been born in some country in Europe which, as she recalled, was not in Germany but in some country close to Germany. The Subject had told her that he had worked for WARNER Brothers in California and had been hired out to work for the DALI and DE CUEVAS families. The Subject was also reported by Mrs. HOSKINSON to have indicated that he had formerly been employed by the ROCKEFELLER estate in New York and that he had a sister in New York City operating an apartment house in which he, the Subject, also has an interest.

Mrs. HOSKINSON further stated that while the Subject was in Cooke during the past summer he had gotten into an argument about his German viewpoint with a park ranger by the name of JOHN LEWIS who had been stationed at the northeast gate to Yellowstone Park. She stated that this argument with LEWIS had taken place in the Yellowstone Bar. She said that the Subject appeared to be an individual who has done little hard work in his life and that on one occasion she had asked him why he had not been drafted into the army, and that the Subject evaded answering this question. Mrs. HOSKINSON further advised that Mr. TYKONAKIE, who also resided at the hotel at the time the Subject did, may be in possession of additional information concerning the Subject's birthplace in Europe.

Mr. TYKO MAKIE, White House Hotel, advised that in a conversation which he had with HOLSTRUNK, the Subject stated he was a Hollander, but did not say that he had been born in Holland. Mr. MAKIE related that the Subject also stated that he had been a chauffeur for Marquis DE CUEVAS at one time in Italy and in Switzerland, and also that he and his sister owned an apartment house in New York City, where his home was located. Mr. MAKIE also mentioned that he did not recall the Subject having made any statements concerning HITLER or Germany, or any statements to indicate that the Subject was pro-German.

Mr. MADDEN NYE, Superintendent of the McClaren Mine, stated that he had met the Subject in the Yellowstone Bar during the past summer, and that there was no question but what the Subject was a Nazi sympathizer. However, Mr. NYE could furnish no specific statements which he had heard the Subject make. He advised that a park ranger by the name of JOHN LEWIS, who had been stationed at the northeast gate to Yellowstone National Park during the past summer, had been told by the Subject that if HITLER were running this country it would be a good place to live. Mr. NYE advised that if LEWIS were contacted he could furnish additional information concerning the Subject's pro-German remarks. He further stated that the Subject had been ousted from the Home Comfort Cafe in Cooke by Mrs. WILLIAM VAN and a tourist who disagreed with the Subject's German viewpoints, which incident had happened sometime in August of this year. NYE also said that the Subject had told him he was in Holland when war was declared and had gotten out of Europe by way of Switzerland, and apparently had been in the employ of the Marquis DE CUEVAS at the time.

Mr. EDWARD FLOM, proprietor of Ed's Garage, advised that during the past summer the Subject had kept a new Cadillac automobile in the garage for storage, and that the Subject claimed that this car belonged to the Warner Brothers' Studio. According to Mr. FLOM, the Subject appeared to be a German and through his conversation appeared to be sympathetic toward HITLER'S cause. However, Mr. FLOM could furnish no specific information concerning the remarks made by the Subject.

Mr. FLOM also revealed that the Subject had Mrs. FLOM type a couple of letters for him during the past summer. One of these letters had been written to an insurance company agency in New York City concerning the insurance policy for employees of the DE CUEVAS family. Another letter had been written by Mrs. FLOM for the Subject, which letter had been addressed to the Lakeshore Drive Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. According to Mr. FLOM, the latter letter had been written relative to an electric lamp of some kind for the DALIS, for whom the Subject was chauffeuring at the time, requesting that this lamp be sent to the Del Monte Hotel in Del Monte, California.

According to Mr. FLOM, the Subject had stated that he had a sister by the name of MARY who presently resided in New York City.

Mr. RUDOLF L. GRIMM, District Ranger, Lamar District, Northeast Gate, Yellowstone National Park, advised that Ranger JOHN LEWIS had been located at the Northeast Gate during the summer season of 1942, and was now stationed at the Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, and can be located through the ranger office at Moose, Wyoming.

The following is the composite description of the Subject as obtained from the above mentioned individuals during the course of this investigation

Name:	WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK
Home address	1503 Third Avenue, New York City
Age:	37 years
Height	5 ft. 11 in.
Weight	180 Lbs.
Build	Husky
Hair	Light brown, combed straight back
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Dress	Very neat, smooth shaven
Nationality	German or Holland
Speech	Speaks with slight German accent, uses expression "believe you me" frequently.
Employer	Marquis GEORGE DE CUEVAS, 54 East 68th St., New York, New York
Occupation	Chauffeur

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THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION

AT MOOSE, WYOMING

Will locate Ranger JOHN LEWIS who is employed in the Grand Teton National Park and obtain any information concerning the pro-German statement reported to have been made by the Subject in the presence of Mr. LEWIS while he was working at the northeast gate to Yellowstone National Park in August of 1942.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

Will, at the WARNER Brothers' Studio, determine if the Subject was employed as a chauffeur by that corporation during the past year, and obtain any available information concerning the Subject's background and activities, also any information which it is believed might be pertinent to this case.

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will conduct a discreet investigation to determine the Subject's background, activities and any pro-German sympathies. It is to be noted that the Subject was last reported to be employed as a chauffeur for Marquis GEORGE DE CUEVAS, 54 East 68th Street, New York City. It is also to be noted that the Subject has given his address as 1503 Third Avenue, New York City, where it is believed he may have a sister residing by the name of MARY HOLSTRUNK.

THE BUTTE FIELD DIVISION

AT LEWISTOWN, MONTANA

Will locate and interview Mrs. WILLIAM VAN, General Delivery, and obtain any information in her possession concerning the pro-German statements made by the Subject at the time he was evicted from the Home Comfort Cafe at Cooke, Montana, in August of 1942. It is to be noted that Mrs. VAN may be located through her husband who is believed to be employed at the airport which is presently being constructed at Lewistown.

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Date

January 26, 1943

To

SAC, Butte

From J Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject

WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C  
CUSTODIAL DETENTION

Reference is made to your letter of December 26, 1942, concerning the captioned subject.

In view of the fact that the subject's residence within the New York Field Division has not yet been verified, it is not believed advisable to change the office of origin at the present time.

cc - New York  
Los Angeles

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Mr Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr E A Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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RE: WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK,  
alias Bill Holstrunk,  
INTERNAL SECURITY - G,  
CUSTODIAL DETENTION.

Dear Sir-

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent HARRY C. JUNG, dated December 21, 1942, at Butte, Montana, wherein Butte has been designated as the office of origin.

Inasmuch as there is no further investigation to be conducted in the Butte Field Division, and since the Subject has been reported to have given his address as 1503 Third Avenue, New York City, and to be employed as a chauffeur for Marquis GEORGE DE CUEVAS, 54 East 68th Street, New York City, it is requested that the New York Field Division be designated as office of origin.

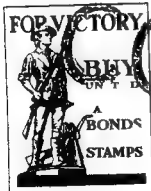
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUTTE, MONTANA**

**BUTTE**

FILE NO **100-3248**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BUTTE, MONTANA</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>12/21/42</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11/27/42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>HARRY C. JUNG JR</b>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK alias Bill Holstrunk</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - G CUSTODIAL DETENTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

Mrs. WILLIAM VAN, Lewistown, Montana, proprietor of the Home Comfort Cafe, Cooke, Montana, advised Subject had reputation of being pro-German and in her presence made un-American statements.

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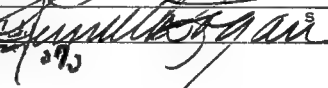
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**Details:**

**AT LEWISTOWN, MONTANA**

Mrs. WILLIAM VAN, who is presently residing in an auto trailer which is parked in the Litening Service Station Trailer Camp, stated that she operated the Home Comfort Cafe in Cooke, Montana annually during the months of May, June, July and August. Mrs. VAN did not recognize the surname of the Subject but upon being advised of his position as chauffeur for MARQUES GEORGE DECUEVAS, she stated that she recalled the Subject. During the month of August, 1942, the Subject on several occasions visited her cafe for coffee and on one occasion started an argument with several other customers in the cafe over the possibility of gasoline rationing. The war situation in general was then discussed and Mrs. VAN stated, among other things, that the Japanese were beheading many prisoners. In response the Subject stated that the United States had many Congressmen who "should have their heads

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chopped off". The Subject continued by saying that HITLER did not personally start the present war but that the English people were responsible. When confronted with the situation of HITLER invading Poland, the Subject could only say that Poland was just one of the smaller countries and didn't amount to a great deal. Mrs. VAN then accused the Subject of being a Nazi and HOLSTRUNK stated that he was not a German but of Dutch descent.

Mrs. VAN stated that the Subject had the reputation in Cooke, Montana as being pro-German and that she personally would have reported him to this Bureau if she had known his complete name. Mrs. VAN also explained that her husband is presently operating a number of trucks at the new Army airport being constructed at Lewistown, Montana and during the summer months operates the cafe at Cooke, Montana for people visiting Yellowstone National Park.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION

AT MOOSE, WYOMING

\* Will locate Ranger JOHN LEWIS who is employed in the Grand Teton National Park and obtain any information concerning the pro-German statement reported to have been made by the Subject in the presence of Mr. LEWIS while he was working at the northeast gate to Yellowstone National Park in August of 1942.

THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

AT HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA

\* Will, at the WARNER Brothers' Studio, determine if the Subject was employed as a chauffeur by that corporation during the past year, and obtain any available information concerning the Subject's background and activities, also any information which it is believed might be pertinent to this case.

THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

\* Will conduct a discreet investigation to determine the Subject's background, activities and any pro-German sympathies. It is to be noted that the Subject was last reported to be employed as a chauffeur for Marquis GEORGE DE CUEVAS, 54 East 68th Street, New York City. It is also to be noted that the Subject has given his address as 1503 Third Avenue, New York City, where it is believed he may have a sister residing by the name of MARY ~~HOLSTRUNK~~.



# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUTTE, MONTANA**

FILE NO **100-2530**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DENVER, COLORADO</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>1-5-43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>12-16-42</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>DAVID K. RANKIN</b> <div style="text-align: right;"><b>Bmc</b></div>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK, with alias Bill Holstrunk</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY (G) CUSTODIAL DETENTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS** Subject reported as having made pro-Axis and pro-Hitler statements in public places at Cooke, Mont and is stated to have said, "This country would be much better if Hitler had charge of it", also, "No combination of powers can ever hope to defeat Germany" Subject allegedly employed as chauffeur for SALVADOR DALI, surrealist artist

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**REFERENCE** Report of Special Agent LEONARD F KURTZ, Butte, Montana, November 6, 1942

**DETAILS:**

By letter dated December 7, 1942, to Mr JOHN LEWIS, United States Park Ranger, Grand Teton National Park, Moose, Wyoming, this office requested information from him concerning pro-German statements allegedly made in the presence of Mr LEWIS during August of 1942 and for any additional information concerning the subject indicating subject to be un-American and pro-German

By letter dated December 12, 1942 from JOHN G LEWIS, Acting Chief Ranger, Grand Teton National Park, Moose, Wyoming, he advised as follows:

"It was reported to me late in July that Mr HOLSTRUNK had rendered himself very obnoxious in Cooke, Montana by making many pro-Axis and especially pro-Hitler statements in public places. These reports were made to me

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by seasonal park rangers assigned to my station. Inasmuch as it was hearsay, I was reluctant at the time to make a report of it. Had it occurred in the park proper, Mr Holstrunk would have been reported to your agency's office in Butte.

"The following remarks can be entered on record and credited to Mr HOLSTRUNK

"This country would be much better if Hitler had charge of it "

"No combination of powers can ever hope to defeat Germany "

"It is a matter of record that HOLSTRUNK was forcibly ejected from the Home Comfort Cafe, Cooke, Montana. Mr. HOLSTRUNK had been indulging in one of his customary harangues on the decadence of the democracies and the superiority of the 'Aryan' or German race. A burly tourist, unable to digest this sort of talk, threw HOLSTRUNK out. The tourist was ably assisted by Mrs. WILLIAM VAN, proprietress of the cafe

"The whole affair has odd angles. My understanding of HOLSTRUNK's capacity was that he was a chauffeur for SALVADOR DALI, surrealist artist. The car DALI was using was a Cadillac Fleetwood Convertible sedan, owned by Mr. HARRY WARNER of Warner Bros. Film Company. Mr. DALI was a guest of the Marquis George De Cuevas

"I wish to assure you that the information submitted is reliable in my opinion. Had Mr HOLSTRUNK made any pro-German statements in my presence this report would make far better reading "

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[REDACTED] changes in Los Angeles. Employers  
[REDACTED] HELEN McDONALD advise Subject  
[REDACTED] dictive. Former landlord states  
Subject inclined to be anti-Semitic and that Mrs.  
HOLSTRUNK received mail from Austria. Subject United  
States citizen, born Cologne, Germany, classified 4-F  
and now residing in New York City. Records of Los  
Angeles Police Department and Confidential National De-  
fense Informant [REDACTED] checked with negative results

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REFERENCE:

Bureau file No. 100-142631.

Bureau letter dated January 26, 1943.

Report of Special Agent HARRY C. JUNG, Butte, Montana,  
dated December 21, 1942.

**DETAILS:**

The title of this case is being marked changed to reflect the addition of the name W. F. HOLSTRUNK, which the Subject used as reported by the Automobile License Bureau for the State of California.

Information was received by this Office to the effect that a foreigner who speaks broken English and who drives an automobile with license number 05 R 199, had been taking out an employee of a national defense plant in this vicinity and winning and dining him. The Informant was unable to advise whether the foreigner had attempted to get information from the employee and

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stated that it was unusual that a foreigner, who speaks broken English, should be taking a defense plant employee to picture shows and dinners.

Investigation revealed that the license number Q5 R 199 was issued to W. P. HOLSTRUNK, 9010 North Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills, California.

Mr. WILLIAM BROCK, 2320 Fox Hill Drive, West Los Angeles, who works at the California Ship Yards, said that he had first met the Subject in Beverly Hills, California, when the Subject from time to time came to the Pioneer Hardware Store where Mr. BROCK was employed. BROCK said the Subject was employed at that time as a chauffeur and butler for Mr. KURT MEYER, and on many occasions made purchases of small hardware items for his employer. It was through these meetings in the hardware store that Mr. BROCK became quite friendly with the Subject, and later on when Mr. BROCK obtained a position with the California Ship Yards, the Subject visited him and his wife at their home, but Mr. BROCK said that it was incorrect to state that the Subject ever wined and dined him or ever attempted to obtain information concerning defense work at the ship yards.

Mr. BROCK reported that the Subject was inclined to be quite talkative and bragged about the many trips he had made to Europe when acting in the capacity of a chauffeur for a very wealthy family. Subject bragged about such things as being able to allow his employer to listen to HITLER's broadcasts when they were banned in France. Mr. BROCK said that he had never seen the Subject do anything subversive, but he had always been generally suspicious of him, due to the fact that he so often expressed his hatred for the Jews and also his pro-German sympathies to the point where he said "HITLER runs a better country than the politicians do in these United States". Mr. BROCK said he recalled on one occasion when the Subject was visiting in his home, that there were airplanes riding through the skys at night in what he supposed was a mock air raid alarm, and that the Subject expressed the opinion that this was just one more move on the part of the American Government to make the poor unsuspecting Americans buy war bonds. The Subject apparently had quite a bit of money, in fact he wore a money belt, in which Mr. BROCK had seen a goodly amount of American currency, and furthermore the Subject bragged about the fact of having some \$5,000 or \$6,000 which had been left him by a former employer. Mr. BROCK recalled that the Subject had attempted to obtain a position in some defense plant in this locality, the name of which he could not remember, but that the Subject had been turned down for some unknown reason.

It was during his many meetings and conversations with the Subject that HOLSTRUNK told him about a nephew, one BILL HOUSTON, who was supposed to have stolen HOLSTRUNK's wife away from HOLSTRUNK, and for this reason the Subject and HOUSTON were not at all friendly. When BROCK mentioned to HOLSTRUNK that BILL HOUSTON was a fellow employee of BROCK's at the California Ship Yards, HOLSTRUNK remarked in amazement, "How did he get in there, because he is not a citizen of the United States", but BROCK said that HOLSTRUNK would give no further

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information regarding this accusation. Along this same line, BROCK said that HOUSTON, a short while back, said to him "If you ever see BILL HOLSTRUNK again, tell him that his old friend from Germany by the name of CRAIER has gotten into a jam with Uncle Sam". BROCK said that it was out one or two days later that he happened to come across a newspaper item which he found in one of the locker rooms at the California Ship Yards referring to one ANTHONY ~~CRAIER~~, Yorkville, New York, who had been convicted by the United States for aiding the Nazi saboteurs who had landed in New York.

Miss LONA LANE of Mrs. Patten's Employment Agency, 431 North Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, said that she had known the Subject as WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK since sometime from about March, 1941 when he had appeared at their agency requesting employment as a chauffeur with any member of the movie colony. Miss LANE said that their office was quite impressed with his general attitude and apparent experience. She said that they had no difficulty whatsoever in placing him with a Mr. KURT MEYER in Beverly Hills. At the time of his registration at the employment agency, the Subject gave as references, the following: SAMUEL AARONSON, 912 Fifth Avenue, New York City, (Chauffeur for seven months); ARTHUR LAMPORT, Hotel Lombardy, New York City; MARTIN KLEIN, 221 East 68th Street, New York City, (Chauffeur for fourteen months); JEANETTE McDONALD and GENE RAYMOND, Beverly Hills, California (one month); The Subject listed himself as a Swiss-German, American citizen. Miss LANE further disclosed that her contacts with the Subject were always on a professional basis and that there would be nothing that she could recall that would in any way express any doubt as to his Americanism, in fact she said he appeared to go out of his way to condemn general war conditions in Europe today. She said that the last time she saw the Subject was about October 1, when the Subject suddenly appeared at the office one day saying that he had just got in that day from New York and that perhaps he would be interested in a position, as he did not think he would return to New York with his present employer. She said that she thought he had mentioned his employer as being someone connected with the Rockerfellers, but he did mention the fact that his own personal automobile was in New York. Following this discussion, the Subject failed to again return.

Mr. KURT ~~MEYER~~ of 910 North Crescent Drive, Beverly Hills, told the reporting agent that the Subject had worked for him from about June of 1941 until sometime in January of 1942, and that during this time he was paid \$200 per month in wages for his employment as a chauffeur and butler. It is to be noted that Mr. KURT MEYER is a registered German alien with this office. Mr. MEYER said that he was always generally suspicious of the Subject, only because the Subject had so often expressed his hatred of HITLER and the general conditions in Germany today. It was Mr. MEYER's contention that the Subject's sympathies were too obvious in view of the fact that he, MEYER, was known by the Subject to be a Jewish refugee from Germany.

While employed by MEYER, the Subject did own his own automobile and most every evening when not on duty would go out, but as to where he went or what he did, Mr. MEYER said he had no idea as he paid little attention as

the outside activities of his help.

Mr. H. M. WARNER told Special Agent EILETT C. McGLUGHEY that the Subject had been employed as a chauffeur for Mrs. WARNER from March 10, 1942 to June 8, 1942 and had been recommended to the WARNERS by the LAMPORT family of New York City. Mr. WARNER said that he himself had little personal contact with the Subject and that the best his family could remember was that the Subject was always quarrelling with the other servants and seemed to be very bad tempered, but as to whether the Subject had any pro-German sympathies, it would be unknown to Mr. WARNER. However, Mr. WARNER suggested that Mrs. ZETTA LETZGER of 153 West Sharpnook Street, Germantown, Pennsylvania, who had been the tutor of the Warner children and had been driven around town a good deal by the Subject should be contacted as she would have better knowledge of any activities or sympathies on the part of the Subject.

Mrs. SYLVIA WRIGHT, former secretary to Miss JEANETTE McDONALD reported that the Subject had been employed as a chauffeur from April 29, 1941 to May 19, 1941, at which time he left of his own volition, saying that he had obtained a position with some construction camp. Mrs. WRIGHT reported that the Subject was very bad tempered and most vindictive and for this reason Miss McDONALD was pleased when he left. Mrs. WRIGHT, however, could offer no derogatory information relative to the Subject's un-American activities.

Mrs. M. E. SMITH, manager of the Segrando Apartments, 529 West Second Street, Los Angeles, said that Mr. and Mrs. W. E. HOLSTRUNK had lived at that address from March 11, 1941 until May 24, 1941, having come from New York via Palm Springs, California, according to their own story. During their stay at this address, he was employed as a chauffeur for JEANETTE McDONALD, and she had later on obtained a position as a personal maid with some person whose name she could not recall. Mrs. SMITH said that the Subject's wife received many letters from her mother in Austria and to the best of her recollection these letters were not addressed to Mrs. HOLSTRUNK, but to a name that she thought was spelled LILLSOLI. Efforts to ascertain the present whereabouts of the woman who was living with Subject are negative. Mrs. SMITH further stated that the Subject returned to this address and remained there from February 10, 1942 until March 10, 1942, and that although he returned alone, his wife visited him for a couple of days each week when she was supposed to have had days off from present position. Mrs. SMITH said that she had never seen or heard anything that would make her believe that the Subject or his wife were un-American, though she does recall that his general conversations would indicate that he was very anti-Semitic and did mention frequently that he had been born in Germany and had recently visited that country, but he was always most careful, it appeared, to keep away from the subject of war and European conditions.

Mrs. DAVID COLLONS of 1815 Camino Palmero, Hollywood, said that she recalled the Subject when he was employed by her folks, the LAMPORTS, back in New York City. She said that she could recall little about the Subject other

than that he had worked for the family, but it did seem to her that he had left the family upon request. However, it was her suggestion that her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. HAROLD LAIPORT, 300 Ogden Street, New Haven, Connecticut, be contacted. She said that her mother and father were now deceased, but that perhaps her brother could reveal more information. It was her suggestion also that SABINA SIKES, 3226 - 33rd Street, Astoria, Long Island, who had been connected with the LAIPORT family for some 31 years and knew the Subject, be contacted.

Confidential Source T-1 made available the Subject's file which revealed the following information: Subject registered on February 15, 1942 under the name of WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK, giving as his address, 529 West Second Street, Los Angeles. The person who would always know his whereabouts was given as Mrs. DAHLBERG, 1503 Third Avenue, New York City. The Subject's questionnaire which was returned on September 14, 1942 and mailed in New York City, revealed that he was now employed as a chauffeur by GEORGE di CUEVAS, 54 East 48th Street, New York City. The Subject said that he was divorced and that insofar as he knew, his former wife was living somewhere in New York City. He listed as dependents his common-law wife, MARIE ~~WILLIAMS~~ WILLIAMS, age 42, and she had been a dependent since 1940. The Subject wrote in his questionnaire, "Up to the outbreak of war December, 1941, I had contributed to the support of my sister, MARY HOLSTRUNK, Cologne, Germany, to the amount of \$25 per month". Subject at the present time is classified 4-H. The following description was obtained from the Subject's registration card:

Age	42
Born	February 2, 1900, Cologne, Germany
Height	6'
Weight	186
Hair	Blond
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Light

The records of the Los Angeles Police Department failed to reveal any information regarding the Subject. Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] was checked with negative results.

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### UNDEVELOPED LEADS

#### THE NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION:

At New York City, will conduct investigation to determine Subject's background, activities and any pro-German sympathies. It is to be noted that Subject listed his present employer as GEORGE di CUEVAS, 54 East 68th Street, New York City, and the person who would always know his address, Mrs. DAHLBERG, 1503 Third Avenue, New York City, and the following employment references:

SAMUEL AARONSON, 912 - 5th Avenue, New York City;

MARTIN KLEIN, 221 East 68th Street, New York City;

SABINA SIKES, 3286 - 33rd Street, Astoria, Long Island.

Miss SIKES is the former employee of the LAMPORT family, who is supposed to have known the Subject.

If, and when, the Subject is interviewed, will inquire as to what the Subject knows concerning the citizenship status of BILL HOUSTON, Subject's nephew, who is now living in California, and is married to Subject's former wife. It is to be noted that the Subject is supposed to have said that BILL HOUSTON was not a citizen and had illegally entered this country.

#### THE NEW HAVEN FIELD DIVISION:

At New Haven, will interview Dr. and Mrs. HAROLD LAMPORT, 300 Ogden Street, concerning Subject's activities and any pro-German sympathies during the time the Subject was employed as a chauffeur by the LAMPORT family in New York City. Will send copies of the report concerning this investigation to the New York Field Division.

#### THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION:

At Germantown, Pennsylvania, will interview Mrs. CETTA METZGER, 153 West Sharpnook Street, relative to the Subject's activities and any pro-German sympathies that she might have noticed when a fellow employee with the Subject at the home of H. M. WARNER in Beverly Hills, California.



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Miss PEGGY FRENCH - Clerk  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE: <b>CHANGED</b> <b>WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK, with aliases, Bill Holstrunk, W. P. Holstrunk</b>			CHARACTER: <b>INTERNAL SECURITY-C CUSTODIAL DETENTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS:** Subject reported to be anti-Semitic and pro-German by former acquaintances in Los Angeles. Employers H. M. WARNER and JEANETTE McDONALD advise Subject had tempered and vindictive. Former landlord states Subject inclined to be anti-Semitic and that Mrs. HOLSTRUNK received mail from Austria. Subject United States citizen, born Cologne, Germany, classified 4-H and now residing in New York City. Records of Los Angeles Police Department and Confidential National Defense Informant [redacted] checked with negative results.

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**REFERENCE:** Bureau file No. 100-142631.  
Bureau letter dated January 26, 1943.  
Report of Special Agent HARRY C. JUNG, Butte, Montana,  
dated December 21, 1942.

**DETAILS:**

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TITLE <b>WILLIAM<sup>B</sup> HOLSTRUNK, with aliases, Bill<sup>B</sup> Bolstrunk, W. P. Holstrunk</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY - G CUSTODIAL DETENTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Mrs. ZETTA METZGER, former fellow employee of Subject, interviewed. Subject described as a braggart and trouble-maker who disliked Mrs. ROOSEVELT violently and who complained about hightaxes. Nothing definitely pro-Nazi or inimical to the welfare of the United States developed.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File No. 100-142631  
Report of Special Agent William H. Forzer dated at Los Angeles, California, on February 5, 1943.

**DETAILS:**

**AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA**

On February 26, 1943, Mrs. ZETTA METZGER stated that she had been companion and tutor to LITA WARNER from January, 1938, until June, 1942. Mrs. METZGER stated that in March of 1942, Subject had been employed by Mr. H. M. WARNER as a chauffeur. She stated that soon after, possibly within one week, Mr. WARNER and his wife left for New York and had no further contact with Subject as they remained in New York until after Subject resigned his position in June, 1942. Mrs. METZGER advised it was Subject's duty to chauffeur her and LITA WARNER to various concerts, school and art displays.

Mrs. METZGER related that Subject was in the habit of "telling tall stories and was definitely a trouble-maker". She stated Subject argued and quarreled with all of the servants in the home and

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that everyone in the household was more than pleased when he quit, in June, 1942.

Mrs. METZGER advised she had never heard Subject make any pro-Nazi or anti-American remarks, but that she had heard him state he did not like Mrs. ROOSEVELT and that "Mrs. ROOSEVELT should stay at home and take care of her own business". She also advised she had heard Subject complain about high taxes, but could not recall the words he had used. She stated Subject had told her at one time that he owned a hotel in New York and that he was thinking of buying a ranch which cost \$30,000. Mrs. METZGER advised that Subject was always telling stories which were mainly "to attract attention rather than be harmful." She stated Subject was very proud of the fact that he had worked for JEANETTE McDONALD and GENE RAYMOND and other prominent people in Hollywood and New York City.

Mrs. METZGER was unable to give any further information regarding Subject's activities or sympathies.

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Special Agent in Charge  
Batho, Montana

Re: WILLIAM MCLOUTCH, with aliases  
CUSTOMERIAL DEFENSE - C

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of May 17, 1943  
requesting that the division of origin be changed in the above en-  
titled case.

You are hereby authorized to designate New York  
as the division of origin.

Upon receipt of this communication, you are requested to  
carefully check your file and make certain that the new division of  
origin has all serials in the case containing important data.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

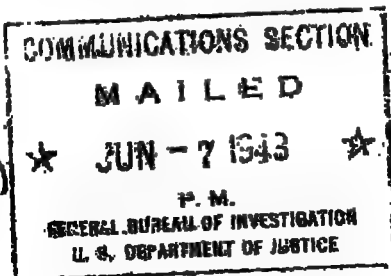
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- Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_
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Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK, with aliases;  
CUSTODIAL DETENTION - G;  
Bureau File No. 100-142631

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent LEONARD F. KURTZ, Butte, Montana, dated November 6, 1942, in captioned matter, which sets forth a lead calling for investigation by the New York Office to verify the residence of the subject, as well as to conduct investigation relative to his background, activities and pro-German sympathies.

By letter dated December 26, 1942, the Bureau was requested to change the office of origin in this case from the Butte to the New York Field Division inasmuch as there was no further investigation to be conducted in this territory and the Subject was apparently residing within the investigative jurisdiction of the New York Office. The Bureau by letter dated January 26, 1943, advised that they did not believe it advisable to change the office of origin until such time as the residence of Subject had been verified.

Inasmuch as the New York Office has to date failed to make any investigation in this matter to verify the residence of Subject and there continues to be no investigation to be conducted in this territory, the Bureau is again requested to authorize that the origin in this case be changed from the Butte to the New York Field Division, as the case can only continue in a delinquent status in this office until such time as information is received from New York.

Very truly yours

*Kenneth Logan*  
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

BUTTE, MONTANA

FILE NO.

100-6913

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/26/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/13,14/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WILLIAM E. BOWMAN</b> <div style="text-align: right;">LRH</div>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK, with aliases</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>CUSTODIAL DETENTION - G</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Dr. HAROLD LAMPORT, 300 Ogden Street, New Haven, feels Subject was anti-Semitic and pro-German, though employed by ARTHUR LAMPORT, a wealthy Jewish banker and philanthropist. Subject suspected of dishonesty while thus employed. Mrs. GOLDEN LAMPORT has no knowledge or opinion of Subject's sympathies, activities or loyalties. ROSE DALY, 638 West End Avenue, New York City, former housekeeper for ARTHUR LAMPORT, said to be of opinion Subject is pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic.

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent WILLIAM H. PORZER dated February 5, 1943 at Los Angeles, California.

**DETAILS:**

AT NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT:

DR. HAROLD LAMPORT, 300 Ogden Street, presently doing research work in the Sterling Hall of Medicine, Yale University, advised that while the Subject was employed as a chauffeur for his father, ARTHUR LAMPORT, New York City, he neither liked or trusted Subject, but could give no real basis for his feeling. LAMPORT stated he also felt the Subject was anti-Semitic and pro-German although Subject had stated to him he had formerly worked for a wealthy Jewish family in Frankfort, Germany. Subject once told Dr. LAMPORT that the wealthy Jewish people in Germany had helped Hitler before Hitler came to power in order to preserve their position and to be on the right side of the fence.

Dr. LAMPORT further stated that he believes Subject was fired by his father because of suspected disloyalty and because he was

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inclined to be lazy. Subject arranged to run up big bills at the garage where Mr. LAMPORT's car was kept, and entered into a "kick-back" arrangement with the garage. Dr. LAMPORT stated that although he was convinced in his own mind that Subject was both anti-Semitic and pro-Hitler, he had no real basis and no tangible evidence for that opinion.

Mrs. GOLDEN LAMPORT, 300 Ogden Street, wife of Dr. HAROLD LAMPORT, advised that the Subject was employed by her father-in-law, ARTHUR LAMPORT, approximately five or six years ago in New York City, and that the employment lasted from eighteen months to two years. Mrs. LAMPORT stated Subject was suspicious acting and suspected of having stolen \$100 in cash and an ornamental pin belonging to her, but that the pin was later found. However, the \$100 was never recovered. Mrs. LAMPORT stated that the Subject undoubtedly knew that ARTHUR LAMPORT, his employer, was a Jewish banker and philanthropist, intensely interested in Jewish problems and refugees, and if the Subject were anti-Semitic, he did not display it in the presence of her father-in-law to the best of her knowledge.

Mrs. LAMPORT had no knowledge of the Subject's sympathies, activities or loyalties. However, she stated Mrs. ROSE DALY, 638 West End Avenue, New York City, telephone Schuyler 9803, was housekeeper for ARTHUR LAMPORT for many years, and would have information concerning Subject. Mrs. LAMPORT recalls Mrs. DALY was of the opinion Subject was pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic.

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THE NEW YORK OFFICE

At NEW YORK CITY, will contact Mrs. ROSE DALY, former housekeeper for ARTHUR LAMPORT, 638 West End Avenue, concerning Subject's activities and any pro-German sympathies or anti-Semitic feeling displayed during the time Subject was employed as a chauffeur by ARTHUR LAMPORT, New York City.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **BUTTE, MONTANA**

NY FILE NO **100-39816 HLM**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK, N.Y.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6/16/43</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5/15, 20/43</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. JAMES ROBERTSON</b>
TITLE <b>WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK, with aliases, <u>Bill</u> <u>Holstrunk, W. P. Holstrunk</u></b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DE NATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS - C</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

Subject reported as anti-British and in favor of Germany prior to Pearl Harbor. Blamed England for the present war. Subject is reported to have visited Germany in 1937 and to own property in Germany as of 1940; is not known in NY to have expressed pro-Axis sympathies since December 7, 1941. Subject presently unemployed and attending NY Trade School. Subject resides at 315 East 45 Street, NYC.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau File 100-143631.  
Report of Special Agent Leonard F. Kurtz dated November 6, 1942 at Butte, Montana.

Report of Special Agent William H. Forser dated February 5, 1943 at Los Angeles, California.

**DETAILS:**

Mrs. SABINA SIKES, 32-86 33rd Street, Astoria, Long Island, N.Y. advised that she had been employed by the LAMPORT family several years ago as a governess to the LAMPORT children. She continued that she severed business relations with the family approximately 20 years ago, but has had close social contact with them during recent years. When questioned concerning knowledge of the subject who was employed as a chauffeur by the LAMPORT family, she advised that she cannot recall the individual, but suggested that a Miss ROSE DALEY, former LAMPORT family housemaid be contacted.

Miss ROSE DALEY, 638 West End Avenue, New York City, advised that...

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vised that she had been employed as a housekeeper by the LAMPORT Family for several years and recalled the subject as being employed as the LAMPORT chauffeur for approximately 16 months prior to May of 1939. Miss DALEY stated that she recalled the subject had quit the LAMPORT Family in May of 1939 on the excuse that he might have to return to Germany inasmuch as one of his relatives there had died. She continued that to the best of her knowledge the subject was of good character and reputation, was well liked by the LAMPORTS, and she had never received any complaints that the subject was engaged in subversive activities. She further stated that she did not have a great deal of contact with the subject, but that on a few occasions he had no interest whatsoever in Germany because he is an American citizen. Miss DALEY advised that she actually has very little knowledge of the subject or his activities. It is to be noted that Miss DALEY is Jewish.

In the report of Special Agent William H. Porzer dated February 5, 1943 at Los Angeles, California, a former employer of the subject is listed as MARTIN KLEIN, 221 East 68 Street, New York City. In an attempt to locate Mr. KLEIN at that address it was learned that 221 East 68 Street is a rooming house and that Mr. KLEIN was never known to have lived there.

Mr. SAMUEL J. ARONSOHN, 912 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised that he had employed the subject for a short period of time in 1940, but cannot recall having any contact with him.

Miss LOUISE DE MAESSCHALCK, housekeeper for Mr. ARONSOHN, advised that she had had some contact with the subject while he was employed in the household from April, 1940 to September, 1940. She stated that the subject was anti-British and blamed England for the present war. She continued that on one occasion the subject had a map and pointed out various countries controlled by England and remarked "England has this and that and still wants more". Miss DE MAESSCHALCK further stated that she is French and that on several occasions the subject had stated the French should not fight for England as England always wants someone else to fight for her. He remarked "Why should France give her blood for England". The informant further stated that the subject had often said that "Hitler did a great deal of good for Germany" and that "the Germans never forgot". She continued that he did not explain the meaning of this last remark, but she took it to mean that Germany is in the present war to get even with the treatment she was accorded by England after World War I. Miss DE MAESSCHALCK further advised that the subject had stated that the German people are not so bad and offered the suggestion that possibly Miss DE MAESSCHALCK's sisters who are presently living in France might some day marry German men.

Miss DE MAESSCHALCK further informed that the subject had often expressed the opinion that the United States would not enter

the present war and on one occasion exhibited to her a newspaper printed in 1917 with headlines saying the United States had declared war on Germany. She stated she did not know where he had obtained this paper, but that shortly after showing it to her he burned it. The informant further advised that inasmuch as she was acquainted with the subject prior to the United States entry into the war there was very little discussion concerning what part this country might eventually have in World War II. She stated that she did not know subject's activities outside his employment and that he never mentioned having purchased Ruckwanderer Marks or belonging to any organization. She further advised that the subject had told her that he had made a trip to Germany about 1937 and that he owned property consisting of a hotel which was on the border between Germany and Switzerland. She also stated that the subject claimed to be Swiss and not German. Miss DE MAESSCHALCK stated that in discussions with the subject concerning war between Germany and England it was noticeable that the subject often became very excited in his denunciation of England and praise for Germany. Subject's employment with Mr. ARONSOHN was terminated due to the gas rationing.

The writer contacted the doorman at 54 East 68 Street, the residence of GEORGE De CUVIAS, under pretext and ascertained that the subject was no longer employed there.

FRANCIS BORRELL, Secretary to Marquis GEORGE De CUVIAS 54 East 68 Street, advised that HOLSTRUNK had been employed as a chauffeur by the Marquis from approximately July, 1942 to February, 1943. He advised that during this time of employment he had received no complaints whatsoever concerning the activities or speech of the subject and that his employment was terminated with the Marquis because of gas rationing. Mr. BORRELL advised that subject's last known address was 315 East 46 Street, apartment 3B, telephone number Plaza 5-7325. Mr. BORRELL could give no pertinent information concerning the subject.

During the interview with BORRELL the Marquis GEORGE De CUVIAS entered the room and advised that he had heard no derogatory information concerning the subject while he was in his employ, but that he did not like his looks.

ALBERT BRUL, Relford Garage, 215 East 67 Street, New York City, advised that he is acquainted with the subject inasmuch as the subject stores his car at that garage and the Marquis also has his car stored there. Mr. BRUL stated that he has talked to the subject on various occasions, but that he has never made any remarks which would indicate he is pro-German. He continued that the subject talks a lot and is willing to criticize almost anybody, but has never given his opinion on the war situation. BRUL described the subject as "A big guy with a lot of mouth and little head". He continued that the subject was prone to talk a great deal, but in most instances did not know what he was talking

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about and would change from one side to the other from day to day Mr. BRUL stated that the subject is presently attending the New York Trade School at 304-326 East 67 Street, New York City.

Miss FLORENCE GLOSQUE, Information Desk, New York Trade School, 304-326 East 67 Street, advised that the subject entered that school on April 26, 1943 with intentions of becoming an electric welder. She continued that the course the subject is enrolled in will last until June 11, 1943.

The writer made a personal check and ascertained that the subject is still listed as residing at 315 East 46 Street, Apartment 3B, New York City.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

100-3248

Butte, Montana  
June 12, 1943

Director, FBI

RE: WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK, with aliases,  
CUSTODIAL DETENTION - G,  
Bureau file No. 100-142631

Dear Sir

Pursuant to Bureau letter of June 7, 1943, author-  
izing the change of origin in this case from the Butte to  
the New York Field Division, this office is considering the  
case referred upon completion to the new office of origin.

The records of this office reflect that the New  
York Office is in possession of all pertinent serials.

Very truly yours

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

NY FILE NO 100-39816 KMG

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK, NEW YORK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>MAR 8 1944</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/21, 9/14, 17, 11/5, 11, 23, 12/21/43, 1/6, 11, 20, 24, 2/4/44	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. JAMES ROBERTSON</b>
TITLE <b>"CHANGED"</b> <b>WILLIAM HOLSTRUNK, was, Bill Holstrunk, W. P. Holstrunk, and William Huelstrunk</b>		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>DENATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS (G)</b>	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

Subject left New York City to take a job in California. California address and name of employer not known. Witness of subject's naturalization claims subject pro-German, but not able to recall subversive statements. Naturalization information obtained, which showed that subject was naturalized 3/8/37.

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**REFERENCE**

Bureau File #100-142631.  
Bureau letter to Butte Field Office dated 6/7/43.  
Report of Special Agent W. James Robertson, dated 6/13/43, at New York City.

**DETAILS**

The title of this case has been marked "CHANGED" to add the additional alias of WILLIAM HUELSTRUNK, as obtained from the subject's naturalization records.

MRS. MARGDA DAUELLSBERG, 1503 Third Avenue, New York advised that she has not seen the subject for the past several months, and that when she last saw him he had taken a job and was headed for California. She continued that she has not heard from him since he left New York City, and did not know the name of the place where he intends to work or his address there. She stated however, that just before he left he had mentioned something about storing a truck at the Manhattan Storage Company in New York City.

MARGDA DAUELLSBERG, was subsequently re-contacted in an effort to determine if she had received any mail from the subject. She stated

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that she had not heard from him as yet.

MR. E. J. GRONEY, clerk, Manhattan Storage Company, made a search of his files and advised that the subject had not stored any material with that company during the past five years.

ALBERT BRUL, 209 East 64th Street, New York City, advised that the subject had previously stored his automobile in his garage, but that he had gone to California about October of 1943, and that he has not heard from him since. He was unable to give the name or address of the subject's employer.

DIETRICH DAUELSBERG, 210 East 168th Street, New York City, advised that the subject and he were acquainted, and that he was a witness to the subject's naturalization. He continued that during 1938 or 1939 HOLSTRUNK had made a trip to Germany and was supposed to have obtained some money at that time for his father's estate. Mr. DAUELSBERG further advised that it is known that the subject's sympathies have always been with Germany and Hitler, and that he had on various occasions stated that Germany is a great country and Hitler is doing good for the German people. He stated, however, that at the time the subject was naturalized he seemed very happy to get his certificate of naturalization. DAUELSBERG continued that he does not believe the subject was a member of any German organization or attended any of the various German camps. He added that he has known the subject since approximately 1929, and that in his opinion the subject has been pro-German ever since he has been in the United States and continued to be so even after this country entered the present war. MR. DAUELSBERG however, could recall no subversive statements made by the subject and even had difficulty remembering that he was a witness to the subject's naturalization which took place in 1937. He added that he did not believe HOLSTRUNK to be dangerous to the internal security of the United States.

A review of the enemy alien registration files of the New York office reflects that one HUBERT HUELSTRUNK is listed as a brother of the subject in this case. Other relatives listed as living in Germany were JOHN, HENRY, PETER, and MARY, all brothers and sisters of the subject. It was also noted that there was one other brother BILL HUELSTRUNK, who was last known to reside in Tenafly, New Jersey.

MRS. HUBERT HUELSTRUNK, 808 Onderdonk Avenue, Ridgewood, New York, was contacted and advised that the subject had left for California some time in October or November of 1943. She stated that just previous to his leaving he had visited her family but had not given her any indication

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as to whom he was working for or what his address would be. Mrs. HUELSTRUNK was questioned concerning the subject's sympathies in the present conflict but could give no definite information.

Special Employee Wade Fuller contacted the Immigration and Naturalization Service at 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City and obtained the following information.

The subject was born February 2, 1900 at Schlebusch, Germany. He entered the United States at the port of New York on May 28, 1929 and his last foreign address was Schlebusch, Germany. It was further noted that the subject entered the United States aboard the S. S. Majestic and was destined to William Feinhals, Union City, New Jersey. HOLSTRUNK filed a declaration of intention on July 25, 1934, under #355823, in the Southern District of New York. He subsequently filed a petition for naturalization on October 19, 1936, under #282467, and was naturalized March 8, 1937, under certificate of naturalization #4207108. The information also revealed that he married ANNA HOLSTRUNK on June 10, 1930 at New York City, and was subsequently divorced by her at Reno, Nevada, on December 12, 1935.

The file lists the subject's police record as follows:

Arrested on June 19, 1935 for felonious assault--  
discharged.

Arrested June 26, 1935 for felonious assault and  
again subsequently discharged.

The subject's New York Police Department file number is  
#267-7159.

It is to be noted that the subject is registered with  
Local Board #218, 333 West Second Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

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LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

At Los Angeles, California:

Will contact Local Board #218, 333 West Second Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and attempt to ascertain the subject's present address.

Further, will, if available, ascertain the subject's Social Security number.

NEW YORK FIELD DIVISION

At New York, New York:

Will, when the subject is located, interview him concerning the pro-German statements and remarks attributed to him.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK CITY**

FILE NO **100-16927**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5/30/44</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4/13/44 5/13, 24/44</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>WHITNEY W. BALLANTINE</b> <span style="float: right;">VL</span>
TITLE CHANGED <b>WILLIAM PETER HOLSTRUNK, was, Bill Holstrunk, W. P. Holstrunk and William Huelstrunk</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>DENATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS-G</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

Subject interviewed and signed statement obtained at which time he professed willingness to bear arms in the U. S. Army anywhere, denies membership in any Bund movements. Subject claims he stated he saw HITLER in order to win a bet but acknowledged that this was a lie as well as the statements that with his employer he had made many trips to Europe. Subject stated that it was his opinion that lend lease to Britain was a mistake and that prior to the U. S. entry into the war it was his opinion that the war was one for Germany and England to fight out and for the U. S. to stay out of. He added that Germany had no other course than to war on the U. S. after our declaration and that Japan should be our enemy. Subject does not advocate a negotiated peace. WILLIAM HOUSTON is a nephew of the Subject whose entry into the U. S. was sponsored by the Subject. Subject claims HOUSTON'S entry legal.

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**REFERENCES**

Report of Special Agent W. JAMES ROBERTSON dated 3/8/44 at New York.  
Teletype to the New York Field Division dated 4/13/44.  
Teletype from the New York Field Division dated 4/15/44.  
Letter to the Los Angeles Field Division from New York dated 4/17/44.

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DETAILS:

The title in the instant case is marked changed to reflect the Subject's true name, WILLIAM PETER HOLSTRUNK as indicated in his interview with the reporting agent and Special Agent STEVE KENNEDY.

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Fern C. Sergel  
Mrs Patten's Employment Agency  
441 North Beverly Drive  
Beverly Hills, California

FERN SERGEL, telephone CR 56196, advised that she had placed the Subject in the employ of EDGAR BERGEN, movie and radio notable, on October 16, 1943, as a chauffeur. The New York Field Division was appropriately advised at which time in the reference teletype they authorized this office to interview the Subject. The Subject was located at 6 Tower Road being the chauffeur's quarters of the Barrymore estate in Beverly Hills. At the invitation of the reporting agent and Special Agent STEVE KENNEDY, the Subject accompanied them to the Field Division where the following signed statement, the original of which is being enclosed to the New York Field Division, was taken which contains virtually all of the pertinent aspects of the interview

"May 13, 1944  
Los Angeles, California

"I, WILLIAM PETER HOLSTRUNK, hereby make the following voluntary statement to Special Agents WHITNEY W. BALLANTINE and STEVE KENNEDY of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been exercised against me as an inducement to sign this statement and I understand the same can be used in court.

"I was born in Cologne or rather near Cologne, Germany, on February 2, 1900, the son of PETER and MARY ANN HOLSTRUNK. My father died in 1900 shortly after my birth, my mother died in 1935. I was one of six brothers and one sister. All my brothers and sisters live in Germany except PAUL who lives in Tennafl, New Jersey and HERBERT who lives in Brooklyn, New York.

"I first came to the United States about June 10, 1923, landing at New York City coming on the ship Touringya of the Hamburg American Line. I left in 1926 on the S. S. Rotterdam at Hoboken and stayed in Germany until 1929 when I returned on the S. S. Majestio of the Red Star Line landing at New York City. I remained in the United States then until March 1939.

"I filed my first papers the first time in Jersey City, New Jersey, in 1924, but had to refile my first papers in 1931 or 1932 at the Naturaliza-

"tion Headquarters, New York City because of my trip to Germany in 1926. I completed my naturalization on March 8, 1937, at New York City and ever since have been a citizen.

"Since coming to the United States, I have had various jobs most of which have been as a domestic, gardener or chauffeur for various wealthy families.

"In 1939 I returned to Germany so as to take care of our family farm so that my sister, MARY, could come to the United States to see the World's Fair at New York City. I returned to the United States in February 1940, on the S. S. Manhattan landing at New York City. I had some trouble in getting back and had to board ship at Genoa, Italy, because of the war. *Holstunke*

"By inheritance from my parents, I have a 1/7th interest in a thirty-six acre farm at Schelbuch near Cologne, Germany, which by agreement between me and my brothers, is occupied by my sister, MARY. This land I believe is quite valuable as it is near the city of Cologne and some day may be subdivided for residential or other uses than as a farm. Its exact value or approximate value is hard for me to judge but it may be worth \$5000, that is, my share. Regarding the war, I wish to state that I am willing to bear arms for the United States Army and would fight in that army even if it was in Germany and I feel no obligation to Germany whatsoever. I have never belonged to or believe in the principles of the various Bund movements that were in the United States nor have I ever subscribed to any German newspapers when I was in the United States.

"In connection with receiving \$5.00 for seeing HITLER, the fellows around the garage at East 46th near 1st Avenue, bet me when I went home in 1939 that I would not see HITLER. When I returned I told them I had seen him but that was a lie as I really had not seen him. My statements that I had been to Europe fifteen times with my various employers was also a lie. I want to say that I have never believed in HITLER because I come from a Catholic family and old stock German and we do not believe in HITLER or what he stands for. While in Germany in 1939 I was in a crowd of people when HITLER rode by but I did not see him as it was too crowded nor did I salute or cheer for him because my feelings would not let me.


"Prior to the United States' entry in the war, it was my opinion and still is that the lend lease program was a mistake as it will mean very high taxes for people in this country to give everything away, and up until the time the United States declared war, it was my opinion that the war in Europe was one between Germany and England and that we ought to stay out of it because if England with its 500,000,000 subjects couldn't lick Germany, then it would be just too bad for England and we should not endanger one American boy's life in the fight. It is my opinion that it was a mistake for us to declare war on Germany as that was not our fight but that we should beat the Japanese - Germany, since we declared war on her, had no other course than to



"war on us. I do not believe that the war can be settled by making a deal now and think we should continue it till we win and then set up a United States of Europe because if we don't, in fifteen or twenty years from now, we will only have another bloody and costly war.

"I believe in the American idea and have always believed in it and God-loving people.

"I have read the foregoing statement on each page of which I have signed my name and the same is true and correct.

ss/  WILLIAM P HOLSTRUNK

"In the presence of:  
WHITNEY W BALLANTINE, Special Agent  
FBI, 900 Security Building, Los Angeles  
STEVE KENNEDY, Special Agent  
FBI, 900 Security Building, Los Angeles"

Regarding WILLIAM HOUSTON, the Subject advised that HOUSTON is the son of the Subject's eldest brother, JOHN, who is a dairyman near Cologne, Germany, and that he and his nephew, HOUSTON, were at odds because of the fact that HOUSTON broke up the Subject's first marriage. According to the Subject, he on one occasion, returned to his home and found HOUSTON in a compromising situation with his first wife. A fight ensued and the Subject was arrested in New York City in 1934 or 1935 but was released upon the representations Judge FERDINAND PECORA who was legal counsel for the Subject, used. HOLSTRUNK stated that he acted as sponsoring party for HOUSTON'S admission to this country and that HOUSTON changed his name at the time he became a naturalized citizen. HOUSTON is presently residing in Los Angeles, the exact address of which is unknown to the Subject. HOLSTRUNK advised, however, that there was nothing illegal about HOUSTON'S entry.

The facts in the instant case were submitted to Assistant United States Attorney RONALD WALKER, at Los Angeles, at which time he declined prosecution for the following reasons That there was insufficient evidence to show a mental reservation at the time of naturalization, no direct evidence of a wrong attitude toward the United States Government, that most of the witnesses could testify to only matters of hearsay, that there was no evidence of subversive activity on the part of the Subject which would indicate an attitude dangerous to the security of the United States Government, that there was no showing that the Subject was a member of a group or organization having pro-Nazi tendencies and that if a denaturalization case existed, it was a technical one only.

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From interrogation and observation, the following description was obtained of the Subject:

Name	WILLIAM PETER HOLSTRUNK
Address	6 Tower Road Beverly Hills, California
Height	6'
Weight	184 lbs.
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Occupation	Chauffeur, gardener, household domestic
Employer	ASA V. CALL 911 North Bedford Drive Beverly Hills, California BR 21065
Marital Status	Married Wife. MARION EYSELY
Scars	Operation scar right side of pelvis
Selective Service Status	Registered LDB 218, Los Angeles Class 1-AH, 8/15/43.

ENCLOSURE

TO THE NEW YORK CITY FIELD DIVISION

Signed statement of Subject dated May 13, 1944.

-REFERRED UPON COMPLETION  
TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN-

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<b>TITLE</b> <b>① WILLIAM PETER HOLSTRUNK, with aliases: <u>Bill</u></b> <b>② <u>Holstrunk</u>, W. P. ③ <u>Holstrunk</u> and <u>William</u></b> <b>④ <u>Huelstrunk</u></b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>DENATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS-G</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS**

**File review reflects investigation completed and prosecution declined by United States Attorney at Los Angeles, California.**

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**REFERENCE:**

**Report of Special Agent Whitney W. Ballantine, dated May 30, 1944 at Los Angeles, California.**

**DETAILS:**

**A review of the instant case reflects that the investigation has been completed and the facts presented to the United States Attorney at Los Angeles, California, at which time prosecution was declined.**

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BY LIAISON

Honorable Marvin Watson  
Special Assistant to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

Reference is made to the request from  
Mrs. Mildred Stegall relative to the citizenship status  
of Salvador Dali, the internationally known artist.

A check with the New York Office of the  
Immigration and Naturalization Service, repository for  
Dali's main file, reveals that he has Alien Registration  
Number 269404 and has not been given citizenship status.

Sincerely yours,

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct)
- 1 - Mr. Gale
- 1 - Mr. Rosen

NOTE: Per request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.  
Request received telephonically from Mrs. Stegall.

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